***Statement***

*Details of Revision Application Cases pending as on 31.12.2006*

YEAR

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATE | | | | | | | |
| Madhya Pradesh | 00 | 03 | 33 | 36 | 31 | 23 | 126 |
| Haryana | 00 | 01 | 03 | 01 | 02 | 01 | 08 |
| J & K | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Kerala | 00 | 00 | 05 | 01 | 01 | 01 | 08 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| West Bengal | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Bihar | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Jharkhand | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 10 | 00 | 11 |
| Rajasthan | 00 | 00 | 02 | 19 | 68 | 104 | 193 |
| Chhattisgarh | 00 | 00 | 06 | 06 | 08 | 13 | 33 |
| Orissa | 06 | 08 | 10 | 07 | 08 | 90 | 129 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 00 | 00 | 02 | 09 | 05 | 03 | 19 |
| Gujarat | 00 | 00 | 00 | 07 | 06 | 17 | 30 |
| Tamil Nadu | 01 | 05 | 06 | 03 | 05 | 08 | 28 |
| Karnataka | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 06 | 03 | 10 |
| Maharashtra | 00 | 00 | 02 | 06 | 07 | 18 | 33 |
| Goa | 00 | 02 | 04 | 03 | 05 | 01 | 15 |
| Uttaranchal | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 03 | 03 | 07 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 07 | 19 | 75 | 100 | 165 | 285 | 651 |

**Development of mining sector**

4193. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government for the growth and development of mining sector in the country;

(b) whether the Mineral Advisory Council (MAC) in its meeting held in New Delhi recommended measures for further development and growth of mining sector in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein alongwith the reaction of Government on the recommendations of MAC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Some of the measures taken by the Ministry of Mines for the growth and development of mining sector in the country are as follows:—

(i) Enunciated the National Mineral Policy in 1993.

(ii) Opened up the non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector for private sector investment, including foreign direct investment (FDI).

(iii) Introduced the concept of reconnaissance permit (RP) as a stage distinct from the prior to actual prospecting operations.

(iv) Delegated further authority to State Government.

In order to promote further growth in the mining sector, a High Level Committee (HCL) under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission was constituted to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments in the Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in the sector. Recommendations of the Committee is under consideration to the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There was a meeting of Mineral Advisory Council in which Chief Ministers of States Governments were invited and those Chief Ministers who could not attend the meeting sent their Mines Ministers. Mines Secretary of the State Governments also participated in the meeting of the Council. State Governments, Central Ministries/Departments, Industry and other members of the Mineral Advisory Council expressed their views on the recommendations of the HLC.